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Group Art Unit: 2878

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Examiner: D. Monbleau

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DIAGNOSING
DETERIORATION OF AN ARTICLE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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July 6, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.